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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
CAUSE NO. 05-CF-1217 (JS) (MLO)

S & L VITAMINS, INC.,  
Plaintiff,

VS.

AUSTRALIAN GOLD, INC.,  
Defendant.

AUSTRALIAN GOLD, INC.,  
Third Party Plaintiff,

VS.

11 LARRY SAGARIN and JOHN DOES 1-10,  
12 Third Party Defendants.

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1 issues. In other words, I -- from -- from  
2 -- from what I understand, ETS and Australian  
3 Gold have stood in each other's shoes. For  
4 example, you -- you'll -- Mr. Matthews,  
5 you'll recall that the first cease and desist  
6 letter was written on behalf --

7 THE COURT REPORTER: I -- I'm sorry.  
8 The first --

9 MR. COLEMAN: The first cease and  
10 desist letter, you'll hear that a few times  
11 during the course of this.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

13 MR. COLEMAN: -- was sent on behalf  
14 of ETS and subsequent letters came out on  
15 behalf of Australian Gold. I just want it  
16 to be understood that we're talking about  
17 Australian Gold in general, the -- the --  
18 the owner of the -- of the brands that are  
19 the topic of this lawsuit.

20 MR. MATTHEWS: I think that's fair as  
21 long as we limit it to -- to the lotion side  
22 of the business, because ETS also was in the  
23 bed -- tanning bed business, and your  
24 question should become immensely broader than  
25 the scope of the deposition. So if we're

1  
2 Exhibit 1. Have you seen this before?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now, you'll see on page 2 that there  
5 are five topics, and if for any reason you  
6 need to slow down -- you need me to slow  
7 down, I'm sure you'll tell me. But am I to  
8 understand that you are being presented by  
9 Australian Gold, Inc., to testify on all five  
of these topics?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Have you ever been deposed  
12 before in a -- in a lawsuit?

13 A. Yes, one time.

14 Q. When -- when was that?

15 A. Approximately three years ago.

16 Q. In connection with?

17 A. A patent infringement.

18 MR. COLEMAN: Now, let me actually  
19 just clarify. Very important. Going forward  
20 throughout the deposition, I'm going to refer  
21 to Australian Gold, and my understanding of  
22 the question would be that refers to  
23 Australian Gold and ETS unless the context  
24 makes it clear that we're trying to  
25 understand the -- the corporate ownership

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1 talking about Australian Gold and ETS with  
2 respect to the lotions --

3 MR. COLEMAN: We -- something. And  
4 thank you very much, and that's absolutely  
5 exactly the way I understand it. Also, when  
6 I talk about Australian Gold products, I will  
7 also be including Swedish Beauty and  
8 Caribbean Gold products.

9 Q. Was Australian Gold the plaintiff or  
10 the defendant in that patent infringement  
11 case?

12 A. The defendant.

13 Q. Was that ultimately resolved?

14 A. We settled.

15 Q. Is there any confidentiality order  
16 restricting what you can discuss about that  
17 case?

18 A. That I don't recall off the top of my  
19 head.

20 Q. What court was that in? Was that  
21 here in the District of Indiana? I'm  
22 assuming it was in federal court.

23 A. It was federal court, uh-huh, and it  
24 was here, so.

25 Q. Okay. So because you're relatively

13

1 inexperienced, God bless you, I'm going to  
 2 say just a few basic rules of the road and  
 3 which I'm sure again that you've heard before  
 4 from Mr. Matthews. I'll be asking questions.  
 5 As you know, you're on the record, you're  
 6 under oath. It is important that your  
 7 answers be verbal and that you let me finish  
 8 the question completely which will both give  
 9 you the opportunity to make sure you're  
 10 answering the question as well as give your  
 11 attorney the opportunity to make any  
 12 objection.

13 Are you under -- are you using any  
 14 kind of medication that would impair your  
 15 ability to answer these questions in ter --  
 16 things that are affecting your memory or  
 17 cause you to -- to have blackouts or  
 18 anything interesting like that?

19 A. No.

20 Q. God bless you. What is your position  
 21 in Australian Gold, Inc.?

22 A. I'm currently the president and CEO  
 23 of Australian Gold.

24 Q. How long have you been the president  
 25 and CEO of Australian Gold?

14 1 to --

2 MR. COLEMAN: Withdrawn.

3 Q. Did you get -- did you get an MBA?

4 A. No.

5 Q. You graduated in '88 and came to work  
 6 immediately for Australian Gold?

7 A. I graduated in '87.

8 Q. Oh, I'm sorry.

9 A. And I did small jobs prior to coming  
 10 to work in '88 -- February of '88.

11 Q. And what was your first job in '80 --  
 12 in '88?

13 A. It was a sales associate position.

14 Q. How long were you -- the -- and is  
 15 that with -- were you -- were you a sales  
 16 representative?

17 A. Basically, I supported the sale --  
 18 the sales rep for equipment, and then from  
 19 there, I moved into a lotion sales  
 20 representative position.

21 Q. At that time was Australian Gold --  
 22 let me be specific. Was Australian Gold,  
 23 Inc. the actual -- your actual employer then?

24 A. No. ETS.

25 Q. ETS. And at that time both the

15 1 A. Since 2004.  
 2 Q. What was your position before 2004?  
 3 A. Vice president of marketing for ETS.  
 4 Q. How long were you in that position?  
 5 A. 1997, seven years.

6 Q. When did you first start working for

7 Australian Gold?

8 A. 1988.

9 Q. All right. So let's -- let's take it  
 10 back -- back up a little bit so I can get a  
 11 sense of your CV ever so briefly.

12 Starting with high school, when did  
 13 you graduate high school?

14 A. '83.

15 Q. And you attended college?

16 A. And pardon me?

17 Q. Did you attend college?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you graduated when?

20 A. 1987.

21 Q. From?

22 A. Illinois State.

23 Q. Illinois State. What was your major?

24 A. Business administration and marketing.

25 Q. Did you take any courses relating

1 hardware and the software, we might call them  
 2 both the beds, and related equipment and the  
 3 lotions were sold by ETS?

4 A. For indoor tanning.

5 Q. Indoor tanning is the name of an  
 6 aligned company?

7 A. No, Australian Gold was created in  
 8 1988 for outdoor sales -- or I think it was  
 9 a --

10 Q. Outdoor tanning sales.

11 A. Outdoor tanning sales.

12 Q. Is that --

13 A. It may have been '89. I don't know  
 14 the exact year, but the outdoor division was  
 15 Australian Gold. The indoor division sold  
 16 through ETS. ETS was the exclusive  
 17 distribution.

18 Q. Now is the line between outdoor  
 19 tanning products -- only talk -- are we only  
 20 talking about products, or are there services  
 21 that are provided by Australian Gold?

22 A. What do you mean by "services"?

23 Q. Is there any consulting that that  
 24 Australian Gold does in the tanning --  
 25 tanning industry?

1 A. Do training, education, basic  
2 business.

3 Q. Does it charge for training and  
4 education, or is that part of its support?

5 A. Part of its service to our customers.

6 Q. Service to your customers. Would it  
7 be *beaoir* to characterize that as support for  
8 the sales function?

9 A. Some is done before sales, some  
10 after, so.

11 Q. Now, is there a bright line between  
12 outdoor tanning products and indoor tanning  
13 products at Australian Gold, or was there  
14 when you first started? And when -- when  
15 Australian Gold had an outdoor tanning  
16 division and an indoor tanning -- tanning  
17 division, were -- was there ever -- was --  
18 are there any products that are -- that are  
19 sold by both?

20 A. We do have the ability to sell some  
21 of the SPF products to salons so that they  
22 can offer a service to their customers,  
23 because generally people if they're coming to  
24 the salon to tan, they're looking at them as  
25 the experts, and so if they're going before

1 that. Remember those -- those tin foil  
2 things.

3 A. I've heard motor oil. I've never  
4 seen it, so.

5 Q. So there are -- so there are  
6 nonindoor SPFs that would be sold only by  
7 the outdoor tanning --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. -- at this point would be -- it would  
10 be Australian Gold.

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. And there are -- there are outdoor  
13 tanning products that are from time to time  
14 sold through ETS as a service to salon  
15 customers.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Does Australian Gold recommend the  
18 use of non-SPF tanning lotions outdoors?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Why not?

21 A. Because in a tanning salon we're able  
22 to recommend tanning equipment that is for  
23 their skin type. The timers are regulated  
24 to provide the maximum amount of tanning  
25 exposure for their skin type. Outdoor, it

1 a vacation, they may want to buy SPF's from  
2 the same product line that they're using in  
3 order to take it on vacation to protect  
4 their skin and outdoor --

5 Q. Okay. We may be getting ahead of my  
6 outline, but since you've raised it, when you  
7 say "SPF," what is it you mean?

8 A. Sun Protection Factor Products.

9 Q. Sun Pro -- that -- that means -- does  
10 that mean tanning lotions that have SPF?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. There are tanning products that do  
13 not have SPF; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And are those exclusively indoor  
16 tanning products?

17 A. We have a line of outdoor products  
18 that don't contain sunscreens that are for  
19 sale. They're sold in Florida for people,  
20 you know, just like they use baby oil. It's  
21 an option for them.

22 Q. There are people who tan in baby oil?

23 A. There's people that tan in Crisco,  
24 so, yes.

25 Q. I'm remembering the 60s people doing

1 can range anywhere from -- depending where  
2 you are, I mean, at -- at the equator to  
3 Minnesota. I mean, there's no controlling  
4 it. You don't know what you're getting. If  
5 it's a cloudy day, you're still getting UV  
6 rays and you don't -- don't realize what  
7 you're getting.

8 Q. Is it the case that the purpose of  
9 the SPF's is to protect from UV rays?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Ultraviolet rays?

12 A. (Nodding.)

13 Q. Are ultraviolet rays not an issue for  
14 indoor tanning?

15 A. Indoor tanning is ultraviolet rays.  
16 They're just regulated, controlled.

17 Q. Okay. So if I understand properly,  
18 is -- are you saying that because there's  
19 such a fine degree of control regarding the  
20 amount of exposure and the period of exposure  
21 and the analysis of skin type in a salon  
22 environment that it is not necessary -- or  
23 -- or that that SPF -- that SPF lotions are  
24 not used in -- for indoor tanning?

25 A. They may be used but

1 Q. To some extent, I -- is it the case  
2 that customers would resist using them,  
3 because they're --  
4 A. They're coming to the salon to get a  
5 tan to feel better about themselves.  
6 Q. And the -- and the distinction --  
7 A. And SPFs would prevent that.  
8 Q. Or -- or would -- understood. Okay.  
9 A. But there are some people -- like  
10 there are many women that put SPFs on their  
11 face and tan the rest of their body.  
12 Q. Are you aware whether the Food and  
13 Drug Administration has anything to say about  
14 the use of non-SPF tanning lotions for --  
15 for outdoor use?  
16 A. I'm not aware that they have anything  
17 for outdoor use. Other -- I mean, there are  
18 basic labeling, same in -- same that they  
19 would have for indoor use.  
20 Q. How --  
21 A. FDA controls all of our labeling.  
22 Q. Do you submit label text to the FDA  
23 prior to utilizing it?  
24 A. No.  
25 Q. They just have regulatory over what's

22 1 determined that that was now a drug and  
2 changed the structure of the skin. So you  
3 either had to take accelerator off the label  
4 or take tyrosine out of the product.  
5 Q. Are you saying that your  
6 understanding of what the FDA was saying was  
7 you can keep the product the same, if you  
8 like; if you advertise it differently, we  
9 won't regulate it as a drug?  
10 A. (Nodding.)  
11 Q. That was a "yes," correct?  
12 A. Yes, yes. If you say that it  
13 accelerates the tanning process, it's a drug.  
14 If you --  
15 Q. Are any Australian Gold products  
16 regulated as drugs?  
17 A. SPFs are over-the-counter drugs, yes.  
18 Q. SPFs. So how does that change the  
19 way they're sold, or does it?  
20 A. I don't believe it changes how  
21 they're sold.  
22 Q. What does it mean to Australian Gold  
23 then for a product to be regulated by the  
24 FDA as opposed to not -- as a drug as  
25 opposed to

23 1 on the labels?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. Has the FDA ever asked you or  
4 required -- when I say "you," I mean  
5 Australian Gold. I'm sure they have no  
6 personal issues with you. Has they -- have  
7 they ever asked Australian Gold to make a  
8 change to labeling?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. Can you remember what happened --  
11 what -- what the facts were in that case?  
12 A. The -- the indoor tanning products  
13 contain different types of oils, nutrients,  
14 amino acids, different things. The FDA  
15 determined that tyrosine, which is an amino  
16 acid.  
17 Q. Do you want to spell that for the  
18 reporter and for the lawyers?  
19 A. T-Y-R-O-S-I-N-E. T-Y-R-O-S-I-N-E.  
20 Q. Tyrosine.  
21 A. Is an amino acid that stimulates  
22 melanin, which is responsible for giving you  
23 the color of the tan on your skin. And if  
24 you put on the label, it was an accelerator  
25 and had tyrosine in the product, they

25 1 A. As a drug?  
2 Q. -- not being regulated as a drug?  
3 A. Our over-the-counter SPF products,  
4 they have specific good manufacturing  
5 processes that have to be met. We have to  
6 do testing. We have to have stability  
7 testing. We have to have in vitro testing  
8 as far as verifying that the SPFs are what  
9 they pro -- on the product label. We have  
10 to meet all the CTFA labeling guidelines and  
11 we have to keep samples at the manufacturing  
12 facility.  
13 Q. Does the FDA have any regulations  
14 that you're aware of in your role as  
15 president and chief executive officer of  
16 Australian Gold that mandates or guides  
17 Australian Gold as to how or to whom the SPF  
18 products are sold?  
19 A. I don't understand.  
20 Q. Does the S -- does -- does the fact  
21 that the FDA -- you -- you just described  
22 for me a few differences between a nondrug  
23 product and a drug product. I believe your  
24 testimony was that SPFs are regulated as  
25 over-the-counter drugs by the Food and Drug

1      Administration.

2      Does any of that regulation -- you --  
 3      and you -- you then mentioned a few things  
 4      that are different between the nondrug and  
 5      the drugs. In addition to what you've  
 6      listed, does the FDA have any regulatory  
 7      requirements regarding how or to whom the  
 8      SPF's are sold?

9      MR. MATTHEWS: I'm going to object to  
 10     the form of the question to the extent it  
 11     calls for a legal conclusion.

12     You can answer the question based  
 13     upon your understanding.

14     Q. On your operational understanding.

15     A. I believe that the FDA governs the  
 16     product. I don't believe that they create  
 17     marketing channels or anything as far as  
 18     that's concerned, with the exception of  
 19     actual drugs where you have to have a  
 20     license to distribute. I've not read  
 21     anything otherwise contrary to that.

22     Q. Do you know whether over-the-counter  
 23     drug products are restricted as to the age  
 24     to which -- the age of the user?

25     MR. MATTHEWS: I'll just show a

26     1      understanding when you -- you've said a  
 2      2      couple times that the FDA is not interested  
 3      3      in marketing channels. Do you have any  
 4      4      understanding as to --

5      5      MR. COLEMAN: Withdrawn.

6      6      Q. Now, I'm going to go back and ask you  
 7      7      a little bit more about Australian Gold as a  
 8      8      company. Do you -- do you know when the  
 9      9      company was founded?

10     10     A. ETS? The original company was  
 11     11     founded in 1984.

12     12     Q. 1984. And do you know who the people  
 13     13     were who started the company?

14     14     A. Trevor and Edna Gray.

15     15     THE COURT REPORTER: Trevor Gray  
 16     16     and --

17     17     THE WITNESS: Edna Gray.

18     18     Q. Are those two people --

19     19     A. Yes.

20     20     Q. -- Trevor Gray and Edna Gray --

21     21     A. Yes.

22     22     Q. -- husband and wife?

23     23     A. Yes.

24     24     Q. Are they still involved in the  
 25     25     company?

27     1      standing objection to the -- the line of  
 2      2      questioning to the extent FDA regulations and  
 3      3      rules and requirements call for a legal  
 4      4      conclusion. That way I won't interrupt your  
 5      5      question.

6      6      MR. COLEMAN: Sure. I appreciate  
 7      7      that, and I -- I'll -- and I'll stipulate  
 8      8      that we're absolutely not making any -- we  
 9      9      -- receiving legal answers.

10     10     Q. But rather, based on your operational  
 11     11     understanding and your executive duties, has  
 12     12     -- has the issue -- let me ask a much  
 13     13     broader question.

14     14     Is there any restriction on, even  
 15     15     internally at Australian Gold, as to the age  
 16     16     of persons who may buy any Australian Gold  
 17     17     product?

18     18     A. The FDA monograph -- and it's not  
 19     19     buy, but the FDA monographs requires us to  
 20     20     put on SPF products that children under six  
 21     21     months should not use it. It's not a buy.  
 22     22     The FDA doesn't market -- I mean, it's not a  
 23     23     marketing channel regulation, so it's  
 24     24     labeling, ingredients, that type.

25     25     Q. Do you -- do you have any

29     1      A. They are on the holding board.  
 2      2      They're not involved in the day-to-day  
 3      3      activities.

4      4      Q. Did you have any expertise or even  
 5      5      acquaintance with the field of tanning at all  
 6      6      before you took that first job as a sales  
 7      7      associate?

8      8      A. Other than having tanned before, no.

9      9      Q. What -- what is ATS?

10     10     A. ATS is another subsidiary that was  
 11     11     set up originally for -- I believe a venture  
 12     12     Trevor was doing with RCA, a local  
 13     13     electronics company. It was a telemarket --  
 14     14     it was a marketing firm. At one time then  
 15     15     we -- after that was finished, didn't --  
 16     16     didn't work out, ATS purchased Swedish Beauty  
 17     17     from Fokey Johanson. It was set up as a  
 18     18     separate company at that point in time.

19     19     Q. Was Caribbean Gold also a privately  
 20     20     owned line that was purchased, or was that  
 21     21     developed internally?

22     22     A. Developed internally.

23     23     Q. When -- when did that take place?

24     24     A. I'm estimating -- I don't know the  
 25     25     exact date. I would estimate about 1990.

1 Q. Are these -- are -- are Australian  
 2 Gold, Swedish Beauty and Caribbean Gold the  
 3 same products in different bottles?  
 4 A. No.

5 Q. What is the distinction among the  
 6 three lines?

7 A. They -- there are several  
 8 distinctions. Now Swedish Beauty was our  
 9 high-end product line originally. It has  
 10 different focuses on skin care products.  
 11 Like one of the ingredients that's signature  
 12 to that line would be white tea tree oil  
 13 that we don't cross between the other lines.

14 Another for -- Australian Gold  
 15 started more as a sporty line. It -- it's  
 16 now getting into the more high-end  
 17 ingredients, but we focus more on the co --  
 18 coQ10 antioxidants, different things like  
 19 that.

20 Caribbean Gold is more of our entry  
 21 level line. It's geared for younger tanners.  
 22 It's fun. It doesn't have the high-end  
 23 ingredients. It's more low cost for -- for  
 24 people that don't have professional incomes.  
 25 So you could have -- maybe you could have a

30 1 Q. Do your distributors sell all three  
 2 kinds typically -- all three lines rather?

3 A. Typically. There are some that don't  
 4 have all the lines.

5 Q. And let's talk a little bit about the  
 6 distributors. While I'm looking for my  
 7 document, I'll just also tell you what I  
 8 should have told you at the beginning, which  
 9 is if for any reason you want to take a  
 10 break, need to take a break, then you just  
 11 have to ask, and we'll take a break.

12 (At this time a discussion was held  
 13 off the record.)

14 MR. COLEMAN: Okay. We're going to  
 15 go back on.

16 Q. How does Australian Gold get its  
 17 products out to the wide world?

18 A. How?

19 Q. Can I drive up to the Australian Gold  
 20 tower in Indianapolis and go in and buy some  
 21 tanning lotion?

22 A. No.

23 Q. How does it happen? One look at me  
 24 tells you that I probably don't buy a lot of  
 25 tanning lotion, but let's just say I decided

31 1 product that was a bronzer in each line, but  
 2 the level of bronzers, the quality of  
 3 bronzers are not the same.

4 Q. When you refer to "quality," does  
 5 that mean -- you -- you made a reference to  
 6 the kind of ingredients in terms of what it  
 7 does for your skin overall besides  
 8 protecting --

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. -- besides the tanning aspect of it.  
 11 Would -- would it also be addition to the  
 12 tanning qualities?

13 A. Both.

14 Q. Both. It's -- is it fair to say your  
 15 description of Caribbean Gold is that it's  
 16 cheaper?

17 A. It's less expensive.

18 Q. Less expensive. And uses less  
 19 expensive ingredients.

20 A. Cheap.

21 Q. Do your -- you have -- you have a  
 22 network of distributors; isn't that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- a lot of talk about that --

25 A. Indoor. Yes.

32 1 after that litigation that I was inspired and  
 2 I wanted to get my hands on some good  
 3 authentic Australian Gold. How would I go  
 4 about getting that?

5 A. Through a tanning salon.

6 Q. How does it get to the tanning salon?

7 A. Through our distributor network.

8 Q. How many of these distributors are  
 9 there?

10 A. Currently, 43 direct distributors and  
 11 about 70 subdistributors of the distributor.  
 12 A distributor may have a sub.

13 Q. Now a subdistributor, can you explain  
 14 to me how that works? Do -- do they have a  
 15 direct contractual relationship with  
 16 Australian Gold?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Are the subdistributors chosen by  
 19 Australian Gold?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Why would a distributor utilize a  
 22 subdistributor?

23 A. They may have an office in a location  
 24 that allows them to ship quicker to a salon.

25 Q. So what is the -- I'm assuming facts

1 not in evidence. How do -- what the -- what  
2 does the distributor do?  
3 A. He works with the salon, provides  
4 education, training, finds out what type of  
5 products they want to sell, what market  
6 they're in, how best to get their -- you  
7 know, increase their sales. He works with  
8 providing the products to them when they need  
9 it.  
10 Q. Okay. That's on the --  
11 A. Do --  
12 Q. -- the -- on the salon end?  
13 A. Right.  
14 Q. How does the distributor -- what is  
15 the range of interactions between the  
16 distributor and Australian Gold?  
17 A. In --  
18 Q. I'll give you a sense -- I don't want  
19 to testify for you, but I -- I'm looking for  
20 they -- we sell them our stuff, we ship it  
21 there, it stays in our warehouse or -- or,  
22 you know, how does it work?  
23 How does the stuff get from -- where  
24 -- where is this -- where is Australian Gold  
25 -- where are Australian Gold products

34 1 A. I believe so.  
2 Q. Are those the only two manufacturers,  
3 the one in Indianapolis and then V Pack,  
4 that you're familiar with?  
5 A. That manu -- actually manufacture the  
6 product, yes.  
7 Q. Does Australian Gold provide them  
8 with formulas and specifications?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. What kind of -- in a general sense,  
11 what kind of quality maintenance is there to  
12 ensure that specifications are met?  
13 A. We do random checks with the  
14 products. We keep stability test on file  
15 from them.  
16 Q. How many people work for Australian  
17 Gold?  
18 A. Eighty-eight.  
19 Q. Are they all here in Indianapolis?  
20 A. No.  
21 Q. Where else are they?  
22 A. We have an office in Florida.  
23 Q. How many people are in Florida?  
24 A. I believe nine.  
25 Q. What happens in Florida that doesn't

35 1 manufactured, first of all?  
2 A. At V Pack in Chicago.  
3 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Say  
4 that again.  
5 THE WITNESS: V Pack.  
6 Q. What is V Pack?  
7 A. Our contract manufacturer.  
8 Q. This one manufacturer in Chicago  
9 manufactures all the lines?  
10 A. Currently, yes.  
11 Q. Have there been times when there have  
12 been other manufacturers?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. How recently ago was that?  
15 A. Three years ago we had a local.  
16 Q. In Indianapolis?  
17 A. Uh-huh.  
18 Q. Okay. Indianapolis. Why the change?  
19 A. The -- the -- think of the right  
20 word. The owner passed away. This --  
21 people he had under him could not support  
22 our needs, so.  
23 Q. Has it always been the case there has  
24 been -- that there has been a single  
25 manufacturer for all your products at a time?

37 1 happen here, besides the sun shining?  
2 A. They support the SPF line, the  
3 outdoor line, that's just sold in Florida and  
4 some beach areas.  
5 Q. So there are approximately 80 people  
6 in Indianapolis?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Are the people who monitor the  
9 manufacturing quality members of your  
10 full-time staff?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. Are there chemists on your staff?  
13 A. We have a contract chemist that's not  
14 on our staff.  
15 Q. But is it the case that you use that  
16 person on a consultant basis?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Does that person help with  
19 formulations?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Who on your staff has key res -- who  
22 is the main person who has responsibility for  
23 safety issues?  
24 A. Safety issues?  
25 Q. Relating to the use of Australian

1 Gold products.  
 2 A. Ultimately me.  
 3 Q. Understood. Is there a person to  
 4 whom you designate that portfolio, however,  
 5 on a regular basis?  
 6 A. Different lines from a label  
 7 standpoint would have different creative  
 8 people working on them that I sign off on.  
 9 Q. Okay. Does Australian Gold employ  
 10 anyone on a full-time basis out of the 88  
 11 who has responsibility only for safety?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. Is it the case that each distributor  
 14 of Australian Gold enters into a written  
 15 contract with Australian Gold?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. Are they all the same, the contracts?  
 18 A. I believe so with the exception of  
 19 the dates and --  
 20 Q. Of course. Are there -- have there  
 21 been in -- and you -- since you've been --  
 22 let me take a step back. Before you became  
 23 president -- I'll just say "president" so we  
 24 don't have to try to give your title every time  
 25 I describe your job.

38 1 sections that govern resale apply to all the  
 2 contracts with the distributors; is that  
 3 correct? In other words, there is -- there  
 4 are no distributors who have contracts --  
 5 A. There's no other contract that says  
 6 otherwise.  
 7 Q. Do you know whether those terms have  
 8 changed during the time that you have been  
 9 aware of the distributorship contracts?  
 10 A. No, not that I'm aware of.  
 11 Q. Can you buy Australian Gold on the  
 12 Internet, Australian Gold products?  
 13 A. What do you mean "can you"?

14 Q. Can -- what if I don't want to go to  
 15 a tanning salon, if I just want it in the  
 16 comfort of my home, order some on the  
 17 Internet. Can I buy some?  
 18 A. We don't authorize it.  
 19 Q. Is it possible to buy from an  
 20 unauthorized source on the Internet?  
 21 A. Possible.  
 22 Q. Well, it is --  
 23 A. I mean --  
 24 Q. It is a yes or no question. So if  
 25 you say no, we can all go home.

39 1 Since you've been president, has  
 2 there a -- have there been changes in the  
 3 terms of the distribution agreements that are  
 4 used?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Do you know what kind of changes  
 7 those have been?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. Can you tell me which -- which ones  
 10 you might remember?  
 11 A. I don't -- I don't know what line it  
 12 is or -- but there's a transfer of  
 13 ownership. The --  
 14 Q. Of the distributorship?  
 15 A. Uh-huh.  
 16 Q. This new clause permits it or forbids  
 17 it or regulates it or which?  
 18 A. We -- we must approve it or they no  
 19 longer can be the distributor.  
 20 Q. Do these contracts have terms in them  
 21 that control to whom distributors may sell  
 22 Australian Gold products?  
 23 A. I believe you have a copy of it, but  
 24 there are sections on the resale.  
 25 Q. And it's your testimony that these

41 1 MR. MATTHEWS: I think your clients  
 2 have to answer that question. Then we can  
 3 go home.  
 4 MR. COLEMAN: My clients -- my --  
 5 that's one of the first allegations in the  
 6 complaint is that we sell it.  
 7 Q. In fact, it's true that some people  
 8 sell Australian Gold on the Internet, isn't  
 9 it?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Are distributors prohibited in their  
 12 agreements from selling to persons who are  
 13 selling Australian Gold products on the  
 14 Internet?  
 15 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm going to object to  
 16 the form of the question, because the  
 17 document -- the -- the contract speaks for  
 18 itself.  
 19 To the extent, you have a memory as  
 20 to what the contract says, you can answer  
 21 the question the best you can. Otherwise  
 22 you can look at the agreement.  
 23 MR. COLEMAN: And your -- your  
 24 objection is noted.  
 25 Q. You can answer the question. Are you

1 allowed under the distribution -- or is a  
 2 distributor allowed -- let me rephrase it,  
 3 though, because it was awfully structured  
 4 before.

5 Under the distributorship -- under  
 6 the distribution contracts -- by the way, do  
 7 you review the contracts before they're  
 8 signed with individual distributors?

9 A. Each contract -- each individual --

10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. Have I reviewed the contracts? Yes.  
 12 I don't review each contract.

13 Q. When -- when distributors are chosen  
 14 or replaced, does -- does that rise to your  
 15 level of involvement in the company?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Every time?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Has a distributor ever been  
 20 terminated by -- because of a violation of  
 21 the terms of the distribution contract?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What sort of violation was -- was  
 24 that?

25 A. We've had conflict of interest

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1 Q. It's being copied.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. But -- but actually because you have  
 4 the responsibility for in -- in your -- in  
 5 your job function for enforcing it, I'm just  
 6 asking your understanding of how it works and  
 7 -- and some of the history. At one point I  
 8 promise I'll put it in front of you. If for  
 9 any reason you see something in there that  
 10 makes you realize that you slightly misspoke  
 11 or you didn't put as fine a point on it --  
 12 again, as Mr. Matthews said, you're not a  
 13 lawyer. A lot of that stuff in there is  
 14 lawyerese. That's all understood. This is  
 15 not -- but, again, I do want to get a sense  
 16 of -- of the business issues.

17 So you have terminated distributors  
 18 for unauthorized sales in terms of whom they  
 19 sell to; that's correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you know how many times that's  
 22 happened?

23 A. Two or three.

24 Q. Can you remember the names of those  
 25 distributors?

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1 issues. We've had --

2 Q. Before --

3 A. -- selling outside of what we expect  
 4 -- where we expect the products to be sold  
 5 to.

6 Q. Does that mean that they were selling  
 7 to -- the distributors should -- distributors  
 8 who were terminated were selling to Internet  
 9 retailers?

10 A. Or other unauthorized locations.

11 Q. What are other unauthorized locations?

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Again, I just -- a  
 13 standing objection to the extent --

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

15 MR. MATTHEWS: -- this is all  
 16 contract interpretation and the contract sets  
 17 forth who -- to whom the product can be  
 18 sold. And you're -- you're asking her to  
 19 test her memory. You're trying to paraphrase  
 20 the -- the contract.

21 You can answer it to the best of you  
 22 ability, but if there's a contract that he  
 23 has if it will help you, you can ask for it.

24 A. Yeah. If you -- do you have it with  
 25 you?

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1 A. Not all of them. I know one in  
 2 particular.

3 Q. What was the name of that  
 4 distributor?

5 A. AETS.

6 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Say  
 7 that again.

8 THE WITNESS: AETS.

9 Q. What was their territory?

10 A. They don't -- we don't have  
 11 territory. United States territory.

12 Q. Oh, so maybe I misunderstand. How  
 13 are the distributorships organized if not by  
 14 geographical territory? Just business needs  
 15 sort of thing, because -- here's someone who  
 16 can sell a lot of products.

17 A. Right. Well, there -- they are --  
 18 the distributors have to meet qualifications.

19 Q. What are --

20 A. We don't limit --

21 Q. Oh.

22 A. -- where they sell the products other  
 23 than they have to sell them in the United  
 24 States.

25 Q. What are those qualifications?

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1 A. Again, it's in the contract there.  
2 Some of the items are they have to have a  
3 catalog. They have to be abl -- it's to be  
4 resold into a salon environment where they  
5 have tanning as the majority of their  
6 business.. They have to have an 800 number.  
7 They have to work with us on training of  
8 both their staff and the salons that they  
9 sell to. There's a list of items there.

10 Q. Okay. So you're talking to me about  
11 contractual requirements. Are there other  
12 qualifications that are not in the contract  
13 that a company has to meet before you'll  
14 even give them a contract?

15 In other words, if I call up and I  
16 say, look, I've never been in this business  
17 before, but I heard I can make some money  
18 off it and I think I -- I think I know how I  
19 can sell the stuff. Give me your contract.  
20 I want to -- I want to be a distributor,  
21 would you require anything else from me in  
22 terms of a -- the demonstration of  
23 capitalization or a letter of credit? Any  
24 other kinds of prequalifying sort of  
25 criteria?

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1 A. Yes.  
2 Q. Funny how much it sounds like a  
3 combination of your --  
4 A. Funny.  
5 Q. -- two businesses --  
6 An AETS, when -- when were they  
7 terminated?  
8 A. I believe between 2002 and 2004, one  
9 of -- in that time period.  
10 Q. Were they implicated in the Hatfield  
11 litigation?  
12 A. I believe so.  
13 MR. MATTHEWS: For the record, they  
14 were convicted.  
15 THE WITNESS: AETS was?  
16 MR. COLEMAN: Convicted for what?  
17 MR. MATTHEWS: Just giving you a hard  
18 time, Ron.  
19 MR. COLEMAN: Off the record for a  
20 second, please.  
21 (At this time a discussion was held  
22 off the record.)  
23 Q. Now, these subdistributors that you  
24 refer to, are they subject to the same  
25 contractual restrictions in terms of whom

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1 A. That's a good question, because in  
2 the last five years, we've not added anyone  
3 new to -- outside of the business, so we --  
4 we -- I don't -- I don't really -- I don't  
5 think that I have an --

6 Q. Okay.  
7 A. -- outline for new business.  
8 Q. Is it the case then that two  
9 distributors could be operating in next door  
10 locations and competing with each other as  
11 distributors?

12 A. It's possible.  
13 Q. To your knowledge, is there any  
14 situation where there are distributors that  
15 are located within a couple of miles of each  
16 other geographically?

17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Would those be in the more saturated  
19 markets?

20 A. No.  
21 Q. Oh, it sounds like -- it sounds like  
22 I hit a good one there. However, it's not  
23 really germane to our case.

24 Do you remember -- and so -- so the  
25 -- this AET -- was it AETS?

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1 they can sell to?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. Have you added -- has Australian Gold  
4 added any subdistributors since the time that  
5 you have been aware of it?  
6 A. I would have to look at the list. I  
7 couldn't --  
8 Q. You don't have an -- a clear  
9 recollection of, then. I actually meant to  
10 get a better understanding of this. Where  
11 -- do distributors maintain a physical stock  
12 of product? Is that one of their --  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. -- roles? Do distributors vary  
15 widely in how often they order product or  
16 does each dist -- di -- distributor typically  
17 order three or four times a year -- is there  
18 a wide range?  
19 A. Distributors have different business  
20 models.  
21 Q. Different business models. So in  
22 situations where you have a subdistributor,  
23 do the distributors mostly function as -- let  
24 me re -- let me rephrase it.  
25 Why wouldn't you just have

1 subdistributors become distributors of  
 2 Australian -- Australian Gold and eliminate  
 3 one layer of pricing, one layer of  
 4 complication?

5 A. There are several different reasons,  
 6 one of which would be whether they were  
 7 financially stable enough for us to give them  
 8 credit would be a major issue.

9 Q. Do you extend credit to all your  
 10 distributors?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is it typically 30 days, 60 days, or  
 13 is it more than that?

14 A. Generally 30 days. We have promo --  
 15 different promotions.

16 Q. To your knowledge, do all the  
 17 subdistributors have the same contracts as  
 18 well, same contracts -- same subdistributor  
 19 contract? And there is -- they all are  
 20 subject to the same requirements?

21 A. Yes, same ones.

22 Q. Does Australian Gold have any  
 23 contracts with tanning salons directly?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What kind of contracts are those?

50 1 throughout the country, the chains?

2 A. They could be spread throughout.

3 Depends on --

4 Q. Well, I --

5 A. -- like Palm Beach has salons in  
 6 Texas, Minnesota, Washington, DC, so.

7 Q. Okay. So in the case of these  
 8 tanning salons, these chain contracts, is it  
 9 the case that there was no distributor  
 10 involved at all?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. They act as their own distributor,  
 13 basically?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Do they get a better price that way?

16 A. Better price than the distributor?

17 Q. No. Better price than other tanning  
 18 -- than -- than tanning salons that  
 19 themselves have to buy through a distributor.

20 A. They would get the price that their  
 21 level of purchases meets.

22 Q. So are the contracts with these  
 23 chains the -- rather, do the contracts with  
 24 these chains also contain these restrictions  
 25 on whom they may sell to?

51 1 A. We have a chain contract -- a  
 2 contract with a few of the chains. Basi --

3 Q. Chains of tanning salons?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. I'm sorry. What were you going to  
 6 say?

7 A. The same basic parts as a distributor  
 8 contract, only it's to -- for a chain of  
 9 salons.

10 MR. COLEMAN: Have we, Mr. Matthews,  
 11 to your knowledge, been given any of those  
 12 contracts in discovery?

13 MR. MATTHEWS: We'll check.

14 MR. COLEMAN: Thank you. And we'll  
 15 check too. That -- that may be something  
 16 that we didn't count on at all.

17 Q. What -- what are those chains?

18 A. Planet Beach, Palm Beach.

19 Q. Are these all --

20 A. I'm just remembering, so I may miss  
 21 one or two.

22 Q. Did you say Palm Beach?

23 A. Palm Beach, Hollywood Tans.

24 Q. Are these all in one geographical  
 25 part of the country, or are they spread

52 1 A. Absolutely the same clauses in both.

2 Q. Now, if I walked into a Planet Beach  
 3 Tanning Salon and saw some Australian Gold  
 4 products on the shelf, do -- was it your  
 5 understanding that Planet Beach would be  
 6 required to make an inquiry as to what I  
 7 intended to do with it if I -- if I wanted  
 8 to buy a whole box full?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What is the -- and, again, I'm not  
 11 asking you to interpret the contract, but  
 12 based on your understanding of how the  
 13 business is supposed to operate and how these  
 14 agreements work, how much product does a  
 15 person have to purchase from a tanning salon  
 16 that is subject to this contract before they  
 17 make that inquiry?

18 A. Can we wait until we get the contract  
 19 and I can show you?

20 Q. Okay. You want to -- okay.

21 A. Right. It --

22 Q. But what -- what happens is we don't  
 23 seem to have -- I don't believe we have the  
 24 chain contracts. But --

25 A. It's

1 Q. -- we'll -- maybe we'll come back to  
2 that.

3 Do -- does Australian Gold require  
4 its distributors to enter into contracts --  
5 let's put the chains aside now. In terms of  
6 the regular distributors, are they required  
7 by Australian Gold to enter into contracts  
8 with the salons that govern whom the salons  
9 sell to?

10 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm sorry. Could you  
11 -- could you restate that? I lost you  
12 there.

13 MR. COLEMAN: Sure.

14 Q. Does Australian Gold require its  
15 distributors to enter into contracts with  
16 salons that govern how or to whom the salons  
17 sell Australian Gold products?

18 A. We don't require contracts.

19 Q. Are you aware of any contracts such  
20 as the one I just described that do that?

21 A. In tanning?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. I'm not aware of a contract.

24 Q. You're not -- so does Australian Gold  
25 have any idea what people do with tanning

54 1 products to individuals if they have a  
2 tanning bed themselves?

3 A. If they order the beds through ETS,  
4 yes.

5 Q. If they order the beds through ETS,  
6 then how would you go about determining that  
7 they had a -- an ET -- ETS bed once they --  
8 once they put in their orders?

9 A. There are several questions that  
10 someone may ask them as far as the serial  
11 number, lamps in the bed.

12 Q. Once they buy that bed, is there any  
13 ongoing monitoring to -- to see if they  
14 still own the bed?

15 A. Not physically, no.

16 Q. Is it by something other than a  
17 physical method?

18 A. We would ask for the serial number on  
19 the bed or -- I mean, we don't go into the  
20 homes and make sure it's still there.

21 Q. So they could be giving you a serial  
22 number for a bed that they bought and then  
23 sold on eBay the next day, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Is that also true regarding -- I'll

55 1 lotion once they buy it from the salon?

2 A. We know what the product is designed  
3 to do.

4 Q. I'm going to ask you to see if you  
5 can actually answer the question that I  
6 asked, which is slightly different than the  
7 one you answered.

8 Do you want me to have it read back?

9 A. Yes

10 MR. COLEMAN: Can you please read  
11 back the last question?

12 (The Court Reporter read back the  
13 last preceding question, as set forth herein  
14 above.)

15 A. It's our assumption that they take it  
16 into the room, put it on their body, get  
17 into a tanning bed.

18 Q. Is it your assumption that they don't  
19 use it at home?

20 A. They would use moisturizers at home.

21 Q. What if they have a tanning bed at  
22 home?

23 A. They would use the product before  
24 getting into the bed.

25 Q. Does Australian Gold sell its

56 1 rephrase. Does Australian Gold do any  
2 monitoring to confirm that salon purchasers  
3 are still -- are still operating as salons  
4 with tanning beds in them?

5 A. We do store checks.

6 Q. When you say "we," do you mean the  
7 distributor or do you mean Australian Gold?

8 A. Could be both.

9 Q. Does Australian Gold do them itself?

10 A. That's we've got -- we go out to  
11 salons periodically.

12 Q. Who goes out to salons? What -- who  
13 are the staff members who do that?

14 A. I've been out to salons. Our sales  
15 staff does in-salon training. Our marketing  
16 people do product testing.

17 MR. COLEMAN: Off for a second.

18 Meanwhile, you can mark this as Exhibit 2,  
19 please.

20 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
21 for identification as Exhibit No. 2.)

22 Q. Do you recognize what has been marked  
23 as Exhibit 2?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Can you des

1 MR. MATTHEWS: And --  
 2 MR. COLEMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. Wait a  
 3 minute.  
 4 MR. MATTHEWS: Ron, for the record,  
 5 we have -- we have marked Exhibit 2 as  
 6 attorneys' eyes only, and I would suggest  
 7 that pursuant to the terms of our protective  
 8 order, when we get into documents that are  
 9 attorneys' eyes only or questions that  
 10 involve specific distributors which we've  
 11 said we do not want to be disclosed to your  
 12 clients for the same reasons they don't want  
 13 to disclose to Australian Gold, that we mark  
 14 that portion of the depo -- deposition as  
 15 attorneys' eyes only and I would suggest  
 16 binding it separately so you can share it  
 17 with your client.

18 MR. COLEMAN: Agreed 100 percent.

19 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. So let the  
 20 record show that this --

21 A. The Planet Beach --

22 MR. MATTHEWS: -- this -- this  
 23 portion of the record be designated  
 24 attorneys' eyes only and the por -- and also  
 25 go back and ask that the portion of the

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 1 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I  
 2 didn't hear it.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, this contract  
 4 expires in 2006.  
 5 Q. Okay. Let's actually take a step  
 6 back and look at the second page, D,  
 7 Customers of Distributor. In subparagraph  
 8 (I), it's really 1, it's Roman I, it says,  
 9 "Customer means only a person (a) whose  
 10 primary business activity is operating a  
 11 tanning salon or hair and beauty care salon."

12 Does a customer who operates a hair  
 13 salon have the right to purchase from --  
 14 directly from your distributors under this  
 15 contract, the way you understand it?

16 A. If they also offer indoor tanning  
 17 instruction and tanning equipment.

18 Q. So (b) and ), in other words, they  
 19 have to be one of those things and offer  
 20 approved tanning -- indoor tanning and  
 21 instruction on the use of products, in other  
 22 words, of ETS or Australian Gold products, as  
 23 an on-premises service and who obtains  
 24 training and instructions -- and instruction,  
 25 etc. So in other words, a customer has to

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 1 record designating the chain salons also be  
 2 designated attorneys' eyes only where we  
 3 disclose the identity of those chain salons  
 4 which I won't repeat again. Agreed?

5 MR. COLEMAN: Agreed.

6 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay.

7 Q. Okay. Can you describe what we've  
 8 marked as Exhibit 2?

9 A. This is our distribution contract.

10 Q. Can I ask you to please turn to page  
 11 3?

12 MR. COLEMAN: For the record, this is  
 13 the con -- this is the document which has  
 14 been designated with the Document Control No.  
 15 AG0005495 continuing on through 5516. So at  
 16 the top of page 3, are these the clauses in  
 17 this contract which govern Internet sales?  
 18 That would be paragraph 1.1(E)(I)(a) and (b).

19 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm just going to  
 20 object to the form of the question in that  
 21 it did -- does not have a time frame or this  
 22 contract defines a certain period of time.

23 Q. Well, is this the contract that's in  
 24 use now, to your knowledge?

25 A. Yes, this expires this year.

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 1 meet all three of those criteria; that's  
 2 correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now, what does approved indoor  
 5 tanning and instruction on use of the  
 6 products? Who approves -- what does -- what  
 7 does approved indoor tanning mean? Am I  
 8 reading that correctly? Who offers approved  
 9 indoor tanning and instruction? What's  
 10 approved indoor tanning?

11 A. It would be -- my interpretation  
 12 would be the difference between if we went  
 13 to someplace that had a bed that wasn't  
 14 plugged in and didn't work, which has  
 15 happened, and we go to a salon that is  
 16 selling a service of tanning with a tanning  
 17 bed that has lamps in it that works and is  
 18 providing UV light to the customer.

19 Q. And the instruction -- this -- this  
 20 customer has to also provide instruction on  
 21 the use of products; is that correct?

22 A. Yes, it has to be available.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Yes,  
 24 it --

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, it has to be

1 A. Yes, the consultant has to be  
2 available with the information.  
3 Q. Is the distributor required to --  
4 MR. COLEMAN: Withdrawn.  
5 Q. How does a distributor know, based on  
6 how you enforce the terms of this contract,  
7 whether or not the -- the employees of a  
8 tanning salon are qualified to give  
9 instruction in the use of the products?  
10 A. Can you reword that, because  
11 qualified is -- we don't say they have to be  
12 qualified to do it. It's kind of --  
13 Q. It's kind of what?  
14 A. We tell them who -- we tell them who  
15 -- who -- where the peo -- where the lotions  
16 can be sold. We provide the tanning  
17 training information. We give that  
18 information to the salon owners to provide  
19 that information to the customers.  
20 Q. Is it --  
21 A. There's not a test.  
22 Q. It's not -- there's no test; is that  
23 what you're saying?  
24 A. Prior to them selling it.  
25 Q. Is there a test for them to maintain

62 what is defined in this contract as a  
1 customer. A customer means a salon, correct?  
2 A. A salon offering tanning.  
3 Q. Right. And we've said that the  
4 approved indoor tanning, that refers to -- it  
5 has to be a bona fide operation, not they  
6 bought a bed in 1974 and they use it as a  
7 shelf in the back; it has to be the real  
8 deal.  
9 A. Correct.  
10 Q. Okay. The question is the  
11 "instruction." Is -- I think you have  
12 testified that Australian Gold itself offers  
13 instruction on the use of the products to  
14 tanning salons; is that correct?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. Do they have to take it in order to  
17 be qualified as customers? They have -- do  
18 they have to take that instruction from  
19 Australian Gold?  
20 A. There's different levels of  
21 instruction. It could be we provide written  
22 materials and it could be over the phone  
23 that the distributors are talking to them.  
24 It could be that they attend a seminar. So

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1 their -- when we said -- when you said "them  
2 selling it," you mean the salon owners,  
3 right, or do you mean the distributors?  
4 A. Before that -- you said the  
5 distributors have to be -- to qualify their  
6 customers.  
7 Q. Oh, that's what I --  
8 A. There isn't a test that qualifies  
9 them.  
10 Q. You're saying they don't have to  
11 qualify?  
12 A. Well, they have to qualify them to  
13 these specifications, but --  
14 Q. Okay. So let's focus on this word  
15 "instruction." And this is with -- with the  
16 continuing objection regarding the matter of  
17 contract interpretation. But because -- in  
18 mind -- but because you have the  
19 responsibility to enforce this contract in  
20 your job as the president of Australian Gold,  
21 and because to a large extent, this has  
22 become an issue in this case, I'm going to  
23 ask you to -- to -- to really try to get a  
24 sense of what Australian Gold's expectations  
25 are under this contract about instruction by

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1 there's -- instruction is -- there's  
2 different levels.  
3 Q. Actually, section -- Sub --  
4 Subsection C does say, doesn't it, that the  
5 customer must obtain training and instruction  
6 on matters relating to the use of the  
7 products from ETS or one of ETS's  
8 distributors; that's correct, right?  
9 A. I think so. Like I said, it could be  
10 over the phone. It doesn't have to be in  
11 person.  
12 Q. If a -- if a consumer were to call up  
13 Australian Gold and ask for instruction on  
14 use of one of its products, would you refer  
15 that person to a salon or would you -- or --  
16 or would Australian Gold provide that  
17 information?  
18 A. It depends on the question.  
19 Q. What's an example of -- of how that  
20 might depend on the question?  
21 A. If someone called in and -- and I  
22 don't know, because this does not usually  
23 happen. The consumer --  
24 Q. Well, is there a consumer -- okay.  
25 Let -- let me ask a more focused question.

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1 Is there a consumer information phone number  
2 for Australian Gold?  
3 A. There's an 800 number on the  
4 products.  
5 Q. On the products?  
6 A. I believe. I don't have a label in  
7 front of me. I know our Web site is located  
8 on the labels.  
9 Q. And where does that phone ring?  
10 A. Into our office.  
11 Q. Here in Indianapolis?  
12 A. Uh-huh.  
13 Q. Is there a phone bank or something  
14 where those phones are picked up, or does it  
15 go through the marketing department? Do you  
16 know literally within the building? Does it  
17 go to a switchboard?  
18 A. It goes through the sales department.  
19 MR. COLEMAN: Please mark this as  
20 Exhibit 3.  
21 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
22 for identification as Exhibit No. 3.)  
23 Q. I ask you to -- to take a look at  
24 Exhibit 3. You made some reference to -- to  
25 training manuals. Is this the sort of

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1 continues on until 0004568, the AG indicating  
2 that it was produced by your attorneys in  
3 this litigation. The reason I'm saying that  
4 is so that you can take some comfort in  
5 knowing that this came from Australian Gold;  
6 it wasn't downloaded off the Internet or  
7 something.  
8 So on the premise without requiring  
9 you to go through each page and swearing  
10 under oath you recognize the manual by heart,  
11 on the premise this is what it appears to  
12 be. I'll now ask the question, is this the  
13 training ma -- manual for Australian Gold  
14 products for 2004?  
15 A. For Australian Gold products only,  
16 yes.  
17 Q. All right. Okay. Was there another  
18 training manual for Australian Gold products  
19 in the year 2004 besides this one?  
20 A. There were training materials.  
21 Q. There would be other training  
22 materials?  
23 A. (Nodding.)  
24 Q. What would that consist of?  
25 A. We have point of purchase charts that

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1 manual that would be given to a -- an end --  
2 to a -- to a salon customer by ETS or would  
3 this go only to distributors or both?  
4 A. This could go to salons or  
5 distributors.  
6 Q. Does every salon that sells  
7 Australian Gold products get one of these?  
8 A. It's our --  
9 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm going to -- I'm  
10 going to object to the form of the question  
11 to the extent it calls for speculation.  
12 You may answer.  
13 A. It -- it's our goal that they do,  
14 yes.  
15 Q. The -- I -- I'm going to deduce from  
16 your answer and from the objection that you  
17 don't know if they do; is that correct?  
18 A. Not every salon.  
19 Q. Does every distributor get it?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Are there -- in the year 2004, would  
22 this have been the only training manual?  
23 This is -- let me just make it clear that  
24 this is the document that is indexed with  
25 the Document Control No. AG0004505 and

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1 come -- walk them through the different  
2 ingredients, different levels of bronzers,  
3 different levels of tingle that could affect  
4 their skin type and create a negative  
5 experience for them. There's --  
6 Q. Can I stop you there?  
7 A. Uh-huh.  
8 Q. What's a negative experience?  
9 A. Not a positive. I mean, they  
10 could --  
11 Q. Using this deposition as a baseline  
12 for a negative and positive experiences is  
13 kind of being where the two meets.  
14 MR. COLEMAN: Now, I'll withdraw  
15 that.  
16 Q. When you say "negative experience,"  
17 what kind of experience are you talking  
18 about? Is it -- is it a danger to their  
19 health?  
20 A. Not a danger to their health. They  
21 could -- not prepared, they could have a  
22 skin reaction.  
23 Q. How long does the reaction last?  
24 A. Depends on their skin type.  
25 Q. What's the range of possibilities?

1 A. An hour to two days, you get  
2 people --  
3 Q. And -- and what's the nature of that  
4 reaction?  
5 A. Tingling sensation, welts on their  
6 skin, very uncomfortable.  
7 Q. Is -- there's been some testimony in  
8 this case about tingle products, so maybe we  
9 can take a little detour and talk a little  
10 bit about tingle products since you -- you  
11 brought up the topic.  
12 Can you exp -- can you please explain  
13 what a tingle tanning product is? I'm  
14 sorry. I don't mean to ask you the specific  
15 names of what a product -- as a general  
16 rule, what is a -- what are the -- what is a  
17 tingling -- what is a tingle product?  
18 A. It's a product that generally  
19 contains Benzyl Nicotinate or Methyl  
20 Nicotinate that --  
21 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. The  
22 second one?  
23 THE WITNESS: Methyl Nicotinate.  
24 Q. And what does it -- what does this --  
25 what do these che -- chemicals do?

70 1 A. Aller -- the -- whether their skin --  
2 they have allergic reactions or different  
3 things.  
4 Q. Okay. So we've put this Exhibit 3 in  
5 front of you. Is -- do you review the  
6 training manual before it is distributed?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 MR. MATTHEWS: Is that with respect  
9 to her or Australian Gold, Ron?  
10 Q. You personally.  
11 A. (Nodding.)  
12 Q. You do?  
13 A. (Nodding.)  
14 Q. I believe you nodded "yes."  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. Because you're -- you're undoubtedly  
17 more familiar with the training manual than I  
18 am, maybe you could direct me -- it's a yes  
19 or no question. If you can't, then you  
20 can't. Can you direct me to the section of  
21 the training manual that deals with safety  
22 issues, if there is one? Is there a section  
23 in the training manual that deals exclusively  
24 with safety issues?  
25 A. There's not a safety section.

1 A. It increases circulation. Gen --  
2 generally --  
3 Q. That's a good -- that's a good thing,  
4 isn't it, increasing circulation?  
5 A. Depends on the level.  
6 Q. So what are the issues? Is -- is  
7 there a difference between -- when -- when  
8 you're talking about skin types, does -- does  
9 the existence of a -- let's form --  
10 question. What -- what is it based or a  
11 tanning base? Is that the term that I'm  
12 looking for?  
13 A. Base tan.  
14 Q. Okay. What is a base tan?  
15 A. It's generally after someone has  
16 built up three to five sessions of tanning  
17 and their body has gotten used to the UV  
18 light and they're seeing a color change.  
19 Q. Does the existence or the presence of  
20 a base tan have an effect on whether there  
21 will be a reaction to a tingle product?  
22 A. It is one -- one part of it.  
23 Q. What are the other parts?  
24 A. Their actual skin type.  
25 Q. So what does skin type mean?

71 1 Q. Where would safety information be  
2 found in the training manual?  
3 A. What do you mean by "safety"?"  
4 Q. Is there a safety issue implicated in  
5 the sale of tanning lotion?  
6 A. To the extent that someone could get  
7 hurt -- or not hurt, but could get a  
8 reaction, yes. We discuss it in the tingle  
9 when we go over the tingle areas.  
10 Q. All right. This is one of those one-  
11 or two-hour reactions you're talking about?  
12 A. It could be a day -- two days.  
13 Q. Have you heard about --  
14 A. Two days.  
15 Q. How did -- how did you learn -- have  
16 you heard about people having day long  
17 reactions to -- to --  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. -- to Australian Gold tingle  
20 products?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Have consumers complained about that?  
23 A. I believe you have some information  
24 on consumer complaints.  
25 Q. Are you personally aware of -- I

1 guess that's a yes. You are aware of  
2 consumer complaints about tingle products?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Were these products purchased from --  
5 to your knowledge, were they purchased from  
6 unauthorized distributors?

7 A. I don't know without looking at them.

8 Q. Is it possible they were to -- that  
9 -- can a person have a bad reaction --

10 MR. COLEMAN: Withdrawn.

11 Q. Okay. You -- you actually just  
12 referred to a section here that would be --  
13 be somewhat responsive. What page is that?

14 A. Six.

15 MR. MATTHEWS: Leslie, why don't you  
16 refer to the Australian Gold number at the  
17 bottom?

18 A. 4510.

19 Q. Okay.

20 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Say  
21 that again.

22 THE WITNESS: 4510.

23 Q. And can you tell me what it is that  
24 you want -- you're looking at?

25 A. The seventh line up is the area where

74 1 A. Her first -- her last name was Soans.  
2 I don't know what her first name is.

3 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.  
4 THE WITNESS: Soans.

5 Q. S-O-N-E-S?

6 A. S-O-A-N-S.

7 Q. And what was Australian Gold's  
8 involvement in that case?

9 A. We were the def -- a defendant. She  
10 also named a salon.

11 Q. And she was suing because of an  
12 adverse reaction that she had to -- to a  
13 tingle product?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And she had bought them at a salon?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was that --

18 A. Which is why we need more training.

19 Q. You need more training with salons?

20 A. Continued training.

21 Q. Did the owner of that salon -- or the  
22 -- did the -- did that salon have a training  
23 issue that distinguished it from other salons  
24 in the -- in the Australian Gold network  
25 that you're aware of?

75 1 it says tingle intensity. It's got a little  
2 flame. It says contains tingle and the  
3 product line reflects to each bottle, so when  
4 a customer con -- consultation is going on,  
5 if someone's new, they would focus on the  
6 products without any type of sun.

7 If they've been tanning for a while  
8 and feel that they have reached their tanning  
9 plateau and want something more, want that  
10 immediate reaction, want to see some color,  
11 they would go to more of a quarter or half  
12 type sun.

13 Someone that tans regularly that is  
14 very dark but still wants to see more color  
15 immediately when they get out of the bed  
16 would go to more of a three quarter or a  
17 full sun of tingle there so that they're not  
18 surprised by the reaction.

19 Q. Has Australian Gold ever been sued by  
20 anyone because of a reaction to a tingle  
21 product?

22 A. We have been involved in a case.

23 Q. What was that case?

24 A. The name?

25 Q. Let's start there.

1 A. I don't know that that was asked.  
2 Q. How was that case resolved?

3 A. We settled.

4 Q. Did you make a payment to the

5 plaintiff?

6 A. Australian Gold personally?

7 Q. Australian Gold as a company.

8 A. Our insurance company settled it.

9 Q. Oh.

10 A. So we didn't pay it.

11 Q. Was that -- you -- do you know the

12 jurisdiction where that litigation took

13 place, what state that was in?

14 A. California.

15 Q. Was that in state court?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. Are you aware of any other litigation

18 involving tingle products that involved --

19 A. Not that I believe got to litigation,

20 no.

21 Q. Okay. Does the Food and Drug

22 Administration regulate tingle products as an

23 over-the-counter drug?

24 A. Not that I'm aware of.

25 Q. Are you aware of any rulemaking

1 activity or investigations by the FDA on the  
 2 -- regarding the topic of tingle products?

3 A. Not that I'm aware of.

4 Q. Do you know if there's -- going back  
 5 to Exhibit 3. Do you know if there's -- is  
 6 there any other text in Exhibit 3 that  
 7 addresses this issue of --

8 A. Of tingle?

9 Q. -- of the tingle?

10 MR. MATTHEWS: And I'll just instruct  
 11 the witness to take her time and look  
 12 through --

13 MR. COLEMAN: By all means.

14 MR. MATTHEWS: -- the document.

15 MR. COLEMAN: By the way, it's been  
 16 an hour and a quarter. If you want to take  
 17 a break, you can. We can -- I don't need  
 18 one.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay. We can.

20 MR. COLEMAN: Let's do it.

21 (A short break was taken at this  
 22 time.)

23 MR. COLEMAN: We can go back on.

24 Q. Okay. Have you had a chance to look  
 25 at Exhibit 3 and -- and determine whether

78 1 who are already using a tingle product." Is  
 2 a selling tip the same thing as a safety  
 3 warning?

4 A. A safety warning per se would be  
 5 required by the FDA, so --

6 Q. Oh, is that a term of art, "safety  
 7 warning"? Okay. I understood.

8 A. Warning statement, yeah.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. So we wouldn't put --

11 Q. You wouldn't put that on any of the  
 12 products?

13 A. Unless it required it.

14 Q. Does the information about the  
 15 tingling sensation that you have referred to  
 16 in your testimony, is -- is that something  
 17 that someone could read on the label of the  
 18 product?

19 A. Generally, there are tingle statements  
 20 on the products.

21 Q. Were there any changes to the product  
 22 labels after you settled that Soans case?

23 A. No, not that I'm aware of.

24 Q. Would there be a -- somewhere you --  
 25 is it -- is it possible that such a change

79 1 there's any more tingle related information  
 2 in terms of training?

3 A. I haven't reviewed the whole thing.  
 4 Some -- some of the information, as we  
 5 explained, StimuTan is an after-tan glow.  
 6 They'll feel and see their tan working. I  
 7 believe there's more in here.

8 Q. Did you say StimuTan?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Is that you what -- is that --

11 A. What we call our trade secret

12 formulation blend. For example, in bronzing  
 13 fire glaze which would probably have a --

14 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.

15 THE COURT REPORTER: Bronzing fire  
 16 glaze.

17 Q. And that would be on what page?

18 A. 4521. It would have a full sun in  
 19 the tingle line. It says, "Added tingle for  
 20 those who are currently using tanning  
 21 products for darker tanning results."

22 Q. On page 4521, there's a box on the  
 23 kind of upper right that says, "Selling tip."

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. It says, "For advanced tingle tanners

1 could have taken place and that you would  
 2 not be aware of it?

3 A. We did not make any --

4 Q. Oh.

5 A. -- back changes. We've always put a  
 6 caution statement on there for them to test  
 7 a small area of their skin. On 4532,  
 8 "Blazin'" for advanced tingle tanners who  
 9 already use the tingle products.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.  
 11 Could you repeat that? 4532 --

12 THE WITNESS: Blazin'.

13 Q. That's a product name B-L-A-Z-I-N  
 14 apostrophe?

15 A. Yes. And, again, it says, "It's for  
 16 advanced tingle tanners who already use  
 17 tingle products."

18 Q. That's in the selling tip box?

19 A. And in the feature and benefits.

20 Q. I'm sorry. I -- I don't see where it  
 21 is found --

22 A. (Indicating.)

23 Q. Oh, "StimuTan tingle and reddening"  
 24 -- so where it says in the upper right  
 25 feature, "StimuTan tingle and reddening

1 factor and then the benefit, an immediate  
 2 after-tan glow that allows tanner to feel and  
 3 see their tan working immediately."

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. There isn't any cautionary language,  
 6 right, it's just features and benefits?

7 A. Other than the other statement where  
 8 it's -- "for advanced tingle tanners."

9 Q. In the selling tip box, correct?

10 A. Yes. There are several. Do I have  
 11 to go over each one?

12 Q. No, not at all. I -- I -- that was  
 13 representative and I appreciate that. As  
 14 they say, the document speaks for itself.  
 15 We can move on.

16 A. But there again, this is just a  
 17 manual. When they sit through training, the  
 18 verbal of how to test it -- test it on a  
 19 small area -- tingle has over the years  
 20 become more of a common ingredient. I mean,  
 21 in 2000 it wasn't so common. Now it's a  
 22 more common ingredient. We train them on  
 23 how to use the tingle. We've worked to  
 24 train them.

25 MR. COLEMAN: Can you please mark

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1 A. A training session on our tanning  
 2 products, ingredients, sales techniques.

3 Q. So this would be given out during one  
 4 of those training sessions?

5 A. It could have been, yes.

6 Q. Not necessarily every one?

7 A. Or other places.

8 Q. And what exactly is Exhibit -- I  
 9 mean, I -- I mean, what -- what -- what --  
 10 what -- what's the nature of this program?

11 A. It provides incentives to salons to  
 12 promote our products in their salon.

13 Q. Are there any incentives provided to  
 14 salons to get safety training specifically?

15 A. From a regulation standpoint?

16 Q. No, from an internal ETS or  
 17 Australian Gold standpoint.

18 A. As far -- like a safety training  
 19 class?

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. We don't offer a safety training  
 22 class.

23 Q. Is this a co-op advertising program?

24 A. Yes, and SPIFF.

25 Q. And SPIFF.

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1 Exhibit 4?  
 2 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
 3 for identification as Exhibit No. 4.)

4 Q. Do you recognize Exhibit 4?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Can you please explain what it is?

7 A. This is a program brochure we send  
 8 out. We give --

9 Q. Whom do you send it to?

10 A. We provide it to the distributors.  
 We provide it to training. We provide it --

11 Q. I'm sorry. To train what?

12 A. In training.

13 Q. And in -- in training -- when you  
 14 train distributors?

15 A. And salons.

16 Q. Do you know how many salons were  
 17 trained by Australian Gold -- Australian Gold  
 18 directly in 2005?

19 A. I don't know the number off the top  
 20 of my head. Tens of thousands.

21 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.

22 Q. Did you say tens of thousands? And  
 23 when you say "trained," that encompasses  
 24 what?

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1 A. I believe SPIFFs are in here.

2 Q. And a SPIFF is?

3 A. Certain products -- if they purchase  
 4 and sell certain products in their salons  
 5 during certain points of the year, they get,  
 6 maybe, a quarter bottle or something that  
 7 they can offer in return to their employees.

8 Q. Is that a way to kind of try to  
 9 smooth out the sales cycles for those  
 10 products?

11 A. Yes. Marketing programs.

12 Q. Let's go back to Exhibit 2, please.

13 On top --

14 MR. MATTHEWS: Ron, can I stop you  
 15 before you ask your questions? We never  
 16 designated when we were off the confidential  
 17 portions. I don't know how we want to do  
 18 this. I want --

19 MR. COLEMAN: She just asked me that  
 20 when we were off the record.

21 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. I'm sorry.

22 MR. COLEMAN: That's okay. I mean,  
 23 obviously -- but my understanding was that  
 24 during the -- let's go off the record for a  
 25 second.

1 (At this time a discussion was held  
2 off the record.)

3 Q. Back to page 3.

4 MR. COLEMAN: I guess I should say  
5 for the record that we've agreed to -- to --  
6 to work cooperatively on the issue of -- of  
7 the designation of portions of the -- of the  
8 transcripts for attorneys eyes' pursuant to  
9 the order that's in place.

10 We -- we agree that Exhibit 2 is  
11 being used really as an exemplar. It  
12 happens that your -- your client was able to  
13 testify that this was an actual distribution  
14 agreement that is actually in use now as  
15 opposed to the blank, which was attached as  
16 part of the pleadings. The only aspect of  
17 this which would be kept confidential and  
18 which needs to be kept confidential is the  
19 name as far as I understand.

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Which is on -- which  
21 is on page AG 0005495.

22 MR. COLEMAN: Which is the first  
23 page.

24 MR. MATTHEWS: The first page and  
25 then the signature page and there might be a

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1 a professional tanning salons. We chose that  
2 we would distribute our products through a  
3 distributor channel in cooperation with the  
4 distributor to salons who would sell the  
5 products in their salon to people using the  
6 products in the tanning salon, and -- and  
7 that's the marketing channel we chose in  
8 1997.

9 We changed our structure. Prior to  
10 that, we weren't as strict in structure, but  
11 by doing so we provided integrity to our  
12 salons. We pro -- improved our reputation  
13 and we work hard to solidify that.

14 Q. What do you mean by "integrity"?

15 A. Our integrity to the salons? That --  
16 that they know that they're selling a product  
17 that is designed for tanning salons, sold  
18 through the distributor channel and sold to  
19 them for them to provide to their customers.  
20 If we don't support that, then people can go  
21 buy anything.

22 Q. It says in (b), "In the" -- "in this  
23 regard, Distributor shall authorize a  
24 Customer to use the Internet relating to the  
25 Products, only pursuant to a written

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1 notice page in here as well.

2 MR. COLEMAN: Okay.

3 MR. MATTHEWS: But other than that,  
4 we're in agreement. All right. Thanks.

5 Q. Now let's take a look on -- on page  
6 3, which is 5497. It does say in paragraph  
7 (b) under small Roman I, "Distributor assumes  
8 the duty to implement and enforce this  
9 Internet Policy with regard to each  
10 customer." The Internet policy is the one  
11 that's explained in Exhibit A -- in -- in  
12 paragraph A. "Distributor shall not directly  
13 or indirectly distribute or sell Products to  
14 any person or entity which markets,  
15 distributes or sells Products on the Internet  
16 as described in the Internet Policy."

17 Why doesn't -- is it the case -- it's  
18 just a foundation question -- forgive me.  
19 Does Australian Gold have an objection to the  
20 sale of its products directly over the  
21 Internet?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What is the reason for that  
24 objection?

25 A. We chose our marketing channel to be

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1 agreement, previously approved by ETS, which  
2 conforms to the provisions of this Section  
3 1.1(E) and only if," and then there are a  
4 number of conditions.

5 Are you aware of any cases in which  
6 Australian Gold or ETS have entered into a  
7 written agreement to permit a customer as  
8 described under this contract, which would be  
9 a salon, correct, customers are salons --

10 A. (Nodding.)

11 Q. -- to sell on the Internet?

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Objection. That  
13 misstates what that provision reads.

14 Subject to that objection, you can  
15 answer the question.

16 MR. COLEMAN: Well, what's the  
17 mistake? We should definitely -- we're in  
18 -- we're in a search for truth here, so if I  
19 say something wrong, I want to know.

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Can I clarify? I  
21 don't want to testify. But let me --

22 MR. COLEMAN: Yeah, that's fine.

23 MR. MATTHEWS: That provision allows  
24 a tanning salon to market the products,  
25 display the products on the Internet. It

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1 does not provide for sales on the Internet.  
 2 Q. With that clarification, has -- has  
 3 Australian Gold or ET -- or has ETS entered  
 4 into a -- an agreement described by that  
 5 paragraph to permit a tanning salon to  
 6 promote or market Australian Gold products on  
 7 the Internet?

8 THE WITNESS: Can you read the  
 9 question back? I'm sorry.

10 (The Court Reporter read back the  
 11 last preceding question, as set forth herein  
 12 above.)

13 A. Yes. We have salons that show our  
 14 products and descriptions without pricing,  
 15 discounts, anything regarding to the sale of  
 16 the product.

17 Q. When you say -- you mean without  
 18 pricing and without discounts or without  
 19 pricing --

20 A. Without any --

21 Q. Any price information?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How does Australian Gold satisfy  
 24 itself -- the -- the -- I'm sorry. These  
 25 are sales by -- by actual tanning salons,

90 1 MR. MATTHEWS: Also object to the  
 2 question that it's --  
 3 A. I don't -- I don't know.  
 4 MR. MATTHEWS: Wait a minute. Let me  
 5 object. It's irrelevant. It's not part of  
 6 this case. I don't see how it's likely to  
 7 lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.  
 8 You -- you can answer the question --  
 9 question the best you can.

10 A. I -- I don't know.

11 MR. COLEMAN: Would you please mark  
 12 this as Exhibit 5? Are we at 5?

13 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
 14 for identification as Exhibit No. 5.)

15 Q. Do you recognize Exhibit 5?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What is it?

18 A. A letter from a customer to one of  
 19 our customer service people.

20 Q. Now, a customer, here again means a  
 21 salon?

22 A. A salon.

23 Q. I'm sorry for being redundant. But  
 24 anyone looking casually at a page of this  
 25 might think a customer wasn't a person who

91 1 correct? These -- these are -- these are  
 2 Web sites operated by tanning salons,  
 3 correct, that you're referring to?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Not by distributors?

6 A. Distributors may show and describe  
 7 our products.

8 Q. Distributors are also permitted --

9 A. Within the agreement.

10 Q. Within the agreement?

11 A. To use our trademarks, yes.

12 Q. Does Australian Gold monitor the  
 13 content of these Web sites?

14 A. Absolutely.

15 Q. Does the distributorship -- does the  
 16 distribution system utilized by Australian  
 17 Gold enable Australian Gold to keep prices  
 18 higher than they would be if it permitted  
 19 Internet sales?

20 MR. MATTHEWS: We would object to the  
 21 form of the question. It's vague.

22 Q. Do you understand the question?

23 A. Keep what prices?

24 Q. Prices for -- prices paid by end  
 25 users for Australian Gold products.

93 1 gets a tan.

2 Is it true that in this e-mail -- how  
 3 did this -- how did this e-mail get to you?

4 A. To Australian Gold?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. Via the e-mail -- via the e-mail  
 7 system.

8 Q. Was it forwarded to you to --  
 9 according to your recollection, please? Was  
 10 this -- and who is -- who is Sallie Webster?

11 A. She's in our customer service  
 12 department. She handles our Internet  
 13 monitoring.

14 Q. Okay. And who is Rich James?

15 A. An associate of a tanning salon. I  
 16 don't know if he's the owner.

17 Q. Would the tanning salon have -- do  
 18 you know whether there was a distributor in  
 19 this chain of discussion in this e-mail or  
 20 any of the people involved in this e-mail?  
 21 Take your time looking at it.

22 (Witness peruses document.)

23 A. I don't see a distributor name.

24 Q. Okay. So this appears to be a  
 25 complaint from a tanning salon directly to

1 Australian Gold.  
 2 The e-mail appears to say that this  
 3 -- there seems to be on the topic of a  
 4 product called Simply Divine; is that an  
 5 Australian Gold product?

6 A. Swedish Beauty, yes.

7 Q. Swedish Beauty. And evidently,  
 8 according to this e-mail, is it not the case  
 9 that this is in reference to sales of what  
 10 purported to be bottles of Simply Divine on  
 11 eBay; is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, again, I'm only -- we're only  
 14 testifying about what's in this e-mail. You  
 15 don't really know what was happening, I  
 16 understand that. According to this e-mail,  
 17 it appears that Simply Divine was being sold  
 18 on eBay for as little as \$18 plus \$5.95 for  
 19 shipping and the cust -- and the customer,  
 20 the tanning salon complains, "It is near  
 21 impossible for me to justify a \$66 retail  
 22 mark."

23 Do you know where that \$66 retail  
 24 mark comes from? Why does -- is that a  
 25 number that -- that Australian Gold

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1 the bottom of page 13016.  
 2 Just for the record, we're talking  
 3 about the document marked AG0013015 through  
 4 17. The first e-mail dated June 10th from  
 5 Rich James to Sallie Webster is about the  
 6 def -- the plaintiff in this case, isn't it?

7 A. I believe that's the SuppleNet,  
 8 right.

9 Q. Sallie Webster writes in this e-mail,  
 10 on the first page on the Ju -- also on June  
 11 10th at 12:55 p.m., second paragraph, if you  
 12 just please turn over, "Please let your  
 13 customers know that they are buying from this  
 14 Web site" -- "that are buying from this Web  
 15 site that there is absolutely no guarantee  
 16 that they are getting authentic product. If  
 17 there is any problem with the lotion, they  
 18 buy over the Internet, they will be out  
 19 whatever they paid for it. And we have had  
 20 many reports with counterfeit lotions being  
 21 sold in this venue."

22 Do you know what is meant by "this  
 23 venue"?

24 A. I would assume. I don't know what  
 25 she meant. I would assume the Internet.

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1 recommends as a -- as a -- as a manufacturer  
 2 recommended retail price?

3 A. I would have to look at -- could be,  
 4 yes.

5 Q. Does -- does Australian Gold have  
 6 recommended prices for all its products?

7 A. Suggested retail, yes.

8 Q. Suggested retail price. And how do  
 9 retailers learn what that price is?

10 A. The distributors publish it in their  
 11 catalog.

12 Q. In their individual dis --  
 13 distributor's catalog?

14 A. (Nodding.)

15 Q. Do you know why this Rich James, who  
 16 wrote this e-mail, didn't complain to his  
 17 distributor?

18 MR. MATTHEWS: Objection to the form  
 19 of the question. You may answer.

20 A. No, I don't.

21 Q. Do you know who his distributor --  
 22 who his normal distributor is?

23 A. No, I don't.

24 Q. Going down to the first e-mail in  
 25 this chain, which is the one at the -- on

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1 MR. MATTHEWS: You're not here to  
 2 assume.

3 A. Oh.

4 Q. Were you copied on these e-mails at  
 5 any point?

6 A. Personally?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

9 Q. And -- and what, again, did you say  
 10 Sallie Webster's position -- title was?

11 A. She's in our customer service  
 12 department. I don't know what her title is.

13 Q. Does this comment from Rich James on  
 14 the -- on the top of this exhibit, first  
 15 page, make you reconsider your answer that  
 16 you don't know whether Internet sales tend to  
 17 lower the retail price of Australian Gold  
 18 products?

19 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm going to lodge an  
 20 objection to the form of the question. One,  
 21 it calls for speculation. Two, I don't  
 22 think there's any qualification she's an  
 23 economist or can make prognosis about  
 24 economic theories of supply and demand.

25 If you can answer it, you can.

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1 Q. What's that answer?  
 2 A. I don't -- I don't know what the --  
 3 Q. Did you study economics as part of  
 4 your studies for a degree in business  
 5 administration?  
 6 A. Minimally.  
 7 Q. Minimally. But economics is a big  
 8 part of your job, isn't it?  
 9 A. Supply and demand. I mean --  
 10 Q. Have you -- is it your testimony that  
 11 you -- it would require you to speculate in  
 12 order to answer the question of whether or  
 13 not Internet sales decrease the price of  
 14 Australian Gold paid by consumers?  
 15 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm going to object to  
 16 the form of the question. You have not  
 17 given her enough foundational facts even to  
 18 answer that question. It's purely  
 19 hypothetical. That's another objection among  
 20 the many of ours --  
 21 MR. COLEMAN: Hypothetical is not an  
 22 objection. You can object to the form,  
 23 though.  
 24 MR. MATTHEWS: It's -- yours -- your  
 25 question assumes that Internet sales are

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 1 question.  
 2 MR. COLEMAN: Duly noted.  
 3 Q. Do you think there are salons that  
 4 could justify a \$66 retail mark when the  
 5 product can be purchased for \$18 on eBay?  
 6 A. I do know salons have sold it for  
 7 \$66.  
 8 Q. Has Australian Gold ever sued eBay?  
 9 A. eBay, the corporation eBay?  
 10 Q. Yes.  
 11 A. I don't believe we sued them.  
 12 MR. COLEMAN: Mr. Matthews, I would  
 13 have to object to your whispering to your  
 14 client between questions.  
 15 MR. MATTHEWS: There's no question  
 16 pending.  
 17 MR. COLEMAN: Between questions.  
 18 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, let the record  
 19 reflect you're moving to another exhibit,  
 20 presumably going to another topic. So your  
 21 objection is duly noted.  
 22 MR. COLEMAN: Okay. Please mark this  
 23 as Exhibit 7.  
 24 MR. MATTHEWS: 6.  
 25 MR. COLEMAN: 6.

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 1 going to drive --  
 2 MR. COLEMAN: No, it's not. I'm  
 3 asking whether or not she's aware -- whether  
 4 or not she has an opinion on that based on  
 5 her experience as a person with a business  
 6 degree and CEO of this company. Does Ms.  
 7 Hartlieb have an opinion as to whether the  
 8 effect on pricing will be to -- whether --  
 9 whether there would be any effect on pricing  
 10 as a result of the ban on Internet sales.  
 11 Q. Do you have an opinion?  
 12 A. I can't -- I can't answer for all the  
 13 salons in the United States, no.  
 14 Q. Well --  
 15 A. This particular salon.  
 16 Q. This particular salon finds it  
 17 impossible, he says, to justify a \$66 retail  
 18 mark for a product that can be purchased on  
 19 eBay for \$18 plus shipping. Do you think  
 20 other salons can justify a \$66 retail mark?  
 21 MR. MATTHEWS: Objection. That  
 22 misstates what -- what this exhibit says.  
 23 It says near impossible.  
 24 MR. COLEMAN: Right.  
 25 MR. MATTHEWS: You can answer the

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 1 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
 2 for identification as Exhibit No. 6.)  
 3 Q. Have you ever seen Exhibit 6 before?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. And this Exhibit 6 is the letter that  
 6 was sent by Mr. Matthews on January 15,  
 7 2004, to my client demanding that they cease  
 8 selling Australian Gold products on the  
 9 Internet; is that correct?  
 10 A. It's a request to cease and desist  
 11 selling it.  
 12 Q. Req -- sorry. Request that they  
 13 cease and desist selling it?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. Would you qua -- would you qualify --  
 16 would you -- your description of Exhibit 6,  
 17 is that it's a request?  
 18 A. I'm saying it doesn't say demand.  
 19 It's telling them to stop, but...  
 20 Q. I'd like you to look at the bottom  
 21 paragraph of the carryover paragraph. There  
 22 is no carryover pa -- paragraph. "If you do  
 23 not provide to us the information we  
 24 requested in the preceding paragraph within  
 25 seven days from the date of this letter, ETS

1 is prepared to take action against you."

2 Next paragraph. "ETS considers this

3 matter to be serious. Please do not take

4 this letter lightly as your failure to comply

5 will make litigation against you imminent."

6 Do you still -- do you still believe

7 that this is a request?

8 A. If you want to use the word "demand."

9 I'm just -- it doesn't say demand.

10 Q. Who is William Pipp?

11 A. He was the vice president of sales

12 for Australian Gold, he's current -- for ETS.

13 He's currently the president of ETS on the

14 equipment side -- or the CEO. I'm sorry.

15 CEO of ETS.

16 Q. I'm -- I'm referring now, of course,

17 to the -- the recipients of these cc's on

18 here. Who is Tracy Ring?

19 A. She is our national sales manager.

20 Q. And who is Susan Higgins?

21 A. The paralegal for Ice Miller.

22 Q. Were you copied on this letter?

23 A. No.

24 Q. At the time this was written, Mr.

25 Pipp had a different post than his present

102 1 Q. Paragraph 2 says in the last -- last

2 sentence, "Our agreements" -- well, I -- I

3 guess that's too much out of context. Let

4 me read the previous sentence. "ETS sells

5 the Products directly to tanning salons for

6 resale to consumers in connection with their

7 delivery of on-site tanning services and

8 distributors for resale of such tanning

9 salons. Our agreements expressly prohibit

10 the sale of the Products through Web site

11 remarketers such as yourself."

12 Do you have any reason to believe

13 that my client -- I'm going to use the term

14 "my client" in the singular here. It's

15 understood that I'm referring to all my

16 clients in this litigation. Do you have any

17 reason to believe that, prior to receiving

18 this letter, that my client was aware of

19 what your agreements with distributors

20 provided?

21 THE WITNESS: Can you read that back?

22 (The Court Reporter read back the

23 last preceding question, as set forth herein

24 above.)

25 A. I don't know if any other

103 1 post with ETS; is that what you testified?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. He -- at that time he was --

4 A. Vice president of sales.

5 Q. Did he have responsibility for the

6 enforcement issues in connection with this

7 sort of -- this sort of request letter?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you know whether at the time this

10 letter was written -- well, let me first ask

11 you. Would this letter have been reviewed

12 by Mr. Pipp or someone else perhaps who is

13 not on that list prior to being sent?

14 A. I don't know. I wasn't involved in

15 the process.

16 Q. As a matter of -- of corporate

17 policy, though, does Ice Miller have the

18 authority to send these sort of cease and

19 desist letters out without --

20 A. No.

21 Q. That's a no? So is it fair to say,

22 then, that someone -- someone at ETS would

23 have had -- would have looked at -- would

24 have looked this over before it went out?

25 A. Yes.

104 1 communication occurred with your client

2 before this, but.

3 Q. In other words, from dire -- whe --

4 whether it occurred from Ice Miller or

5 directly from Australian Gold?

6 A. (Nodding.)

7 Q. That's a "yes"?

8 A. Right, I don't -- don't think so.

9 THE COURT REPORTER: --

10 THE WITNESS: I don't think so.

11 Q. I'm sorry. I -- I -- to be fair, I

12 wasn't really asking whether or not it had

13 done, because that would be like a hide the

14 ball situation. I -- you don't know what

15 I've got here. I'm going to represent to

16 you -- I think -- I think that Mr. Matthews

17 will agree.

18 This appears to be the first letter

19 that went from you or your -- your counsel

20 to my -- to my clients. So if that -- given

21 that that appears to be the case, do you

22 have any other reason to believe that --

23 that my client would have known what the

24 distribution agreement between the

25 distributors and Australian Gold requires?

1 A. Not prior to that point.  
 2 MR. COLEMAN: Please mark this as  
 3 Exhibit 7.  
 4 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
 5 for identification as Exhibit No. 7.)  
 6 Q. Have you seen Exhibit 7 before?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. At the bottom of Exhibit 7, which  
 9 just for the record I'll clarify, is a  
 10 letter from my office to Ice Miller in  
 11 response to the previous exhibit, the  
 12 carryover paragraph at the bottom of page 1  
 13 says in the second sentence, "Specifically,  
 14 please advise us of support for the  
 15 proposition the one who purchases merchandise  
 16 at one or more retail locations may be  
 17 subject to liability for tortious  
 18 interference with contract for selling that  
 19 merchandise to others, based on a contract  
 20 between a retailer and a third party."  
 21 Now, I'm not going to ask you to give  
 22 me a legal authority for that. Would be  
 23 particularly a unfair question. But what I  
 24 am going to ask you is whether it's your  
 25 understanding that a retailer -- that a

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 1 privilege -- where there were discussions  
 2 among the executives, including yourself, at  
 3 Australian Gold about settling or -- or  
 4 finding someway to accommodate the sales by  
 5 my clients of Australian Gold products on the  
 6 Internet?  
 7 MR. MATTHEWS: Need to ask you to  
 8 rephrase it. I'm not sure I understood the  
 9 -- the question, Ron.  
 10 Q. Between the time that the --  
 11 actually, let me ask a better question. Was  
 12 there any period during which Australian Gold  
 13 contemplated the possibility of finding a  
 14 creative economic solution that would permit  
 15 my client to continue in business selling  
 16 Australian Gold merchandise?  
 17 MR. MATTHEWS: On the Internet?  
 18 MR. COLEMAN: Yes.  
 19 A. Not that I'm personally aware of.  
 20 MR. COLEMAN: Will you please mark  
 21 this as Exhibit 8?  
 22 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
 23 for identification as Exhibit No. 8.)  
 24 Q. Please take an opportunity to look at  
 25 it.

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 1 person who purchases Australian Gold  
 2 merchandise from a retailer is bound in any  
 3 way by the distribution agreement.  
 4 MR. MATTHEWS: To the extent, it  
 5 calls for a legal conclusion, I object. You  
 6 can answer as to your understanding.  
 7 MR. COLEMAN: Please reread the  
 8 question.  
 9 (The Court Reporter read back the  
 10 last preceding question, as set forth herein  
 11 above.)  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. No, they are not bound?  
 14 A. Our agreement is with the  
 15 distributor.  
 16 Q. Your what's with the distributor?  
 17 A. You asked if they -- they're bound by  
 18 our agreement. Our agreement is with our  
 19 distributor to promote to the salons.  
 20 Q. Was there any -- any -- was there any  
 21 point during the period between the first  
 22 cease and desist letter, which was Exhibit 6,  
 23 and the filing of this litigation where there  
 24 were discussions among -- I'm not asking for  
 25 anything that involved attorney-client

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 1 (Witness reviewing document.)  
 2 Q. Does it that -- does Exhibit 8 -- did  
 3 anybody refresh your recollection as to  
 4 whether there was any consideration of  
 5 finding a way to avoid litigation with Mr.  
 6 -- with -- with our clients?  
 7 Well, let me ask you a question.  
 8 You're thinking hard. Maybe we'll come back  
 9 to that question.  
 10 Who is Dan -- is it Shaffer or  
 11 Shaffer?  
 12 A. Shaffer.  
 13 Q. Who is Dan Shaffer?  
 14 A. He was -- he put our Internet sites  
 15 up. He -- I don't know what --  
 16 Q. Was he --  
 17 A. -- his title was.  
 18 Q. Was he your Web master?  
 19 A. I don't know if he was master, but he  
 20 did our Webs.  
 21 Q. Was -- was he in-house?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And who is Wendy Schwartz?  
 24 A. She was our equipment marketing

1 person.  
 2 Q. Who is -- who is Frank Vukovits, V-U-  
 3 K-O-V-I-T-S?  
 4 A. He was director of IT for ETS.  
 5 Q. Mark Baker?  
 6 A. Equipment sales manager.  
 7 Q. And Tra -- I think you already  
 8 testified about Tracy Ring.  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. Is Dan Shaffer still with the  
 11 company?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. I think I may not have the page that  
 14 follow this e-mail so it might be a shoot in  
 15 the dark here.  
 16 Do you have any idea on the top link  
 17 of the e-mail May 4th, 3:33 p.m. when Dan  
 18 Shaffer wrote, "I will address these concerns  
 19 with him," do you know who "him" could have  
 20 been?  
 21 A. No.  
 22 Q. Now, you were copied on this e-mail  
 23 in -- as one of the original. Not -- not  
 24 the two top ones, but the one from Dan  
 25 Shaffer to Wendy Schwartz and you. You were

110 1 got a -- I've got a tanning salon in Long  
 2 Island, New York, you wouldn't refer them to  
 3 a distributor?  
 4 A. We would -- if they're thinking about  
 5 getting in the business, we would refer them  
 6 to ETS to purchase equipment and then go  
 7 from there.  
 8 Q. Why?  
 9 A. Because that's our sister company.  
 10 We want them to have our equipment.  
 11 Q. In other words, they either would  
 12 already be an ETS customer, in which case  
 13 they'd have no problem getting -- or you  
 14 want to see them moving to the ETS equipment  
 15 before you would sell them or before you  
 16 would or you would -- rather, that will --  
 17 that would just be your business model would  
 18 be to refer them to ETS?  
 19 A. Recommend them.  
 20 Q. It's not the case that only  
 21 purchasers of ETS beds can purchase  
 22 Australian Gold products; that's correct,  
 23 isn't it?  
 24 A. Right.  
 25 MR. COLEMAN: Exhibit 9.

111 1 not copied; you were actually a recipient of  
 2 the original 9:59 a.m. e-mail. The e-mail  
 3 says, "I couldn't find" -- I'm sorry.  
 4 MR. COLEMAN: Withdrawn.  
 5 Okay, no further questions on this.  
 6 Q. Why is the name of the distributors  
 7 of Australian Gold confidential?  
 8 A. Do you mean the attorney-client  
 9 privilege -- or what?  
 10 Q. No, I'm sorry. I think that might  
 11 not have come out clearly. Is it possible  
 12 for a member of the general public to find  
 13 out the name of an Australian Gold  
 14 distributor?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. How would they go about doing that?  
 17 A. There are several -- I mean, they  
 18 would go -- they would have to go to a  
 19 source that publishes distributors in the  
 20 tanning industry and find out if they're  
 21 authorized by Australian Gold. We don't  
 22 supply a list.  
 23 Q. If someone called Australian Gold and  
 24 said I'd like to get into this business as a  
 25 tanning salon. Who is my distributor? I've

113 1 (The Court Reporter marked a document  
 2 for identification as Exhibit No. 9.)  
 3 Q. Have you seen Exhibit 9 before?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. If you could just turn over to page  
 6 2. Who is Steven Humke, H-U-M-K-E?  
 7 A. He's a partner with Ice Miller.  
 8 Q. Michael Wukmer, W-U-K-M-E-R?  
 9 A. He's with Ice Miller.  
 10 MR. MATTHEWS: He also has an  
 11 appearance in this lawsuit.  
 12 THE WITNESS: What?  
 13 MR. COLEMAN: He's -- he's on this  
 14 file somewhere.  
 15 MR. MATTHEWS: Counsel of record.  
 16 Q. Okay. The last paragraph above the  
 17 Ice Miller signature says, "If your client  
 18 wants to avoid litigation, it must come  
 19 forward and make a full and complete  
 20 disclosure as to where it is purchasing the  
 21 Australian Gold and Swedish Beauty tanning  
 22 lotions as well as comply with the demands  
 23 previously made"; is that correct?  
 24 A. That's what it states.  
 25 Q. Is it correct that's what -- that's